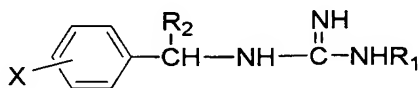


IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

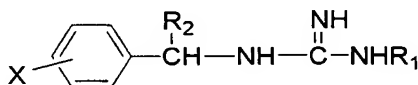
-- Arotin et al., U.S. Patents Nos. 4,639,268 and 5,175,365, disclose substituted nitroguanidine or cyanoguanidine compounds of the structure:



wherein R<sub>1</sub> is NO<sub>2</sub> or CN; R<sub>2</sub> is n-C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>7</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>3</sub> or CH<sub>2</sub>CH=CH<sub>2</sub>; X is hydrogen, o-F, m-F, p-F, m-OCH<sub>3</sub>, m-OH or p-Cl; the salts, tautomers and optical isomers thereof and the (+) or (-)-isomers of compounds having the above structure, wherein R<sub>1</sub> and X are as described and R<sub>2</sub> is CH<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub> or CF<sub>3</sub>, for use in preemergence control of undesirable broadleaf weeds and grass plants and in defoliating and/or desiccating plants. Arotin et al. teach that the substituted nitroguanidine or cyanoguanidine compounds may be used in combination with defoliants including N-(substituted phenyl)-N-1,2,3-thiadiazole-5-yl ureas; tributyl phosphorotrithioate; sodium chlorate; 2-(2-imidazolin-2-yl)quinolines; 2-(2-imidazolin-2-yl)-pyridines; O,O,O',O'-tetraethyl dithiopyrophosphate; and 2,1,3-benzothiadiazole-dicarbonitriles. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 22, continuing through page 7, line 9, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Suitable guanidine compounds include substituted nitroguanidine and cyanoguanidine compounds of the formula:



wherein R<sub>1</sub> is NO<sub>2</sub> or CN; R<sub>2</sub> is CH<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>, CF<sub>3</sub>, n-C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>7</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>OCH<sub>3</sub> or CH<sub>2</sub>CH=CH<sub>2</sub>; X is hydrogen, o-F, m-F, p-F, m-OCH<sub>3</sub>, m-OH or p-Cl; and the salts, tautomers and optical isomers thereof. In one embodiment the guanidine compound is selected from the group consisting of consisting of (+)-isomers, (-)-isomers and mixtures thereof of compounds having the formula (I):